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SECOND OF MYERS COURSE ON MILITIA

Brigadier-General Albert L. Mills Addresses College on Military Subject.

QUESTION A CRITICAL ONE.

Declares Militia Should be a Federal Matter, a National Resource for War.

Centralization of state militia in the Federal government to develop a much-needed reserve for the regular army of the United States was the plea made by Brigadier General Albert L. Mills of the Department of Military Affairs, in an address on the "Development of the Militia as a State and National Resource," in the Chapel Saturday evening. The General clearly pointed out the present military conditions in the country, and presented strongly the need of providing for a proper reserve force. "We do not want war," he said, "but as long as human nature is what it is, there will always be war. In our present state of competition with European countries we are today in more danger of war than ever before."

General Mills dealt fully with the history of the development of the militia from its inception from England into the Colonies, thru the Revolutionary, Civil and Spanish-American wars to the present. The fundamental idea of the militia has been for state defense, and history has shown that as a national force in war time it was much weaker than a regular army. Yet in spite of this military authorities today believe that organization of the militia into brigades for national use is a step in the right direction, so great is the need for a reserve force that could be trained to take the field at a moment's notice.

Congress Should Help.

"As a nation," General Mills said, "we do not realize the meaning of 'preparedness for war.' We forget the precious factor of time when we think of raising an army strong enough to combat the great European powers of today." For this reason the General urged larger appropriations by Congress, and attacked the removal by recent law of the nine months enlisting limit for a war and the new order increasing the number of men in a company from 108 to 150, on the ground that such action will weaken the reserve force now in existence. He commended the recent provision of the War Department for the organization of the militia into twelve national brigades. These divisions will provide a force properly organized with the plan of expanding them into a well-balanced field army. The concern of the War Department now is for the development of a dependable, well-organized field force.

The progress that has been made in field efficiency with militia of various states, according to General Mills, has justified the belief that Congress should appropriate more funds. There has been a great deal of argument all thru the history of the militia as to whether state or nation should have the control, and much jealousy has been occasioned by it. In the belief of present military authorities, however, the matter of developing a field reserve out of the militia is clearly a Federal matter, and such expense for accomplishing it should be appropriated by Congress. The present appropriation is $5,000,000 annually for a militia of over 100,000.

Crisis Has Come.

"If the militia opposes the centralization of its affairs in the Federal Government," was the statement of the General, "we shall do well to consider the abandonment of the militia entirely. We plead this not because our imaginations are heated over a

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EXCHANGE TICKETS OUT FOR CHARLATANS PLAY

Frequent Rehearsals on "The Senator Keeps House" Prime Cast for Prom Performance.

The announcement made by the Management of Charlatans this week to the effect that a limited number of exchange tickets for the Utica performance of the club is in its possession and is on sale and that the policy of "first come first served" will be observed, comes as another intimation of the proximity of Prom with its festivities. As reported before, "The Senator Keeps House" is scheduled for the second afternoon of Prom Week, February 3, at 2.15 o'clock, in the Majestic Theatre. Special cars will leave Clinton at 1.30. The management will make every possible effort to have satisfactory transportation facilities furnished both ways between Clinton and Utica.

The members of the cast have entered upon a strenuous three weeks of no less than four rehearsals a week. Mr. Frank Lea Short has been engaged for Saturday, January 24 and will return again just before the play is staged in order to put on the finishing touches.

The actors themselves are enthusiastic about the performance. Jessup, '14, President of the Club, has expressed confidence that the large audience which is expected on account of the patronage of the Y. W. C. A. will be delighted with the production. Four of the leading characters in the cast took part in the Charlatans' play two years ago, and all but one had significant roles in "The County Chairman" which was so enthusiastically received last year.

"The Senator Keeps House" is not the boisterous comedy that "The County Chairman" was. The action of the former is in Senator Larkin's house in Washington. It is a story of land swindles and lobbyings, and deals with the claims of a certain Maison for damages against the United States Government. The secondary plot furnishes an entertaining comedy and is concerned with the domestic troubles of the Senator.

ELEVEN WINTER ORATIONS.

The following Seniors, eleven in all, claim or admit that they have handed in papers on one of the winter oration subjects: Barnes, Carmer, Cole, Dayton, Leavenworth, McMillan, Miller, Pohl, Regin, Walker, Williamson, All three subjects were written on.

MUSICAL CLUBS TO MAKE DEBUT SOON

Concert at Oriskany Falls This Week Helps Prepare for Prom Event. Excellent Trip Planned

With a professional coach, the director of the Haydn male chorus of now until Prom Week and both clubs practicing every day for long periods at a time, no effort is lacking to make the coming Prom concert the very best possible. But however successful the Prom concert is, it need be taken as no standard of the quality of the Clubs for the ensuing season. The same amount and consistency of practise will be the work of the Clubs from now until the Easter trip, which starts April 9, so that if the Clubs excel at the Junior exhibition they will have reached perfection by the time of the Easter tour. And by the way, Mr. Pessimist, the Clubs ARE going on a trip.

The manager made a personal canvass of the New England territory, negotiating for concerts in Boston and cities adjacent, but due to the scarcity of alumni and the fact that it is absolutely new Hamilton territory, and that the New England colleges are so firmly rooted there already, it seemed impossible to make a financial success of the trip. Suffice it to say that the present trip includes concerts at Troy, under the auspices of the Emma Willard Conservatory of Music; at Northampton, at Mt. Holyoke, under the auspices of the Sophomore Class; at Rye and New Rochelle, N. Y.; at Montclair and East Orange, N. J.; at the Waldorf in New York City and at Tarrytown, N. Y. Final arrangements have not been made at all of these cities. Negotiations are under way for further concerts at Newburgh, Middletown, Amsterdam and Hudson Falls, N. Y. The first concert of the year will be held at Oriskany Falls Friday night of this week at the McLaughlin Theatre, at 8.15, under the auspices of the High School. Dancing will follow the concert. There being no suitable trains, the Clubs will go down and back in sleighs one leaving Commons Hall at 6.10, and the other from the Deke House at 6.15.

The Junior Week Program got out by the Musical Clubs management, the proceeds from which go into the General Fund for Undergraduate Activities, will be on sale Monday, Feb. 2. The cover is of handsome Spanish mission leather of original and attractive design, and the whole is done in a manner that will appeal to the College and its guests.

POPOFF, '90, SPEAKS.

The College was very pleasantly surprised last Sunday afternoon in chapel when Rev. Marco N. Popoff, '90, delivered an address on Bulgaria. Mr. Popoff is a Bulgarian and has but recently returned to this country in order to arouse interest on behalf of his people, burdened by the recent wars. In the evening he addressed a gathering of students at Silliman Hall.

—The Senior Executive Committee will be elected shortly after the opening of the next term.

COMING JUNIOR CALLS FORTH SUPERLATIVES

Committee a Clam on Details, but Assures Inquirer That All Will Be A1 from "Fairies" to Fiddlers.

When a reporter called for an interview with Mr. Turnbull, chairman of the 1915 Junior Prom Committee, he found that person in a very optimistic state of mind. "This year's Prom," said Mr. Turnbull, "is going to outclass all former ones. The work is going on in fine style and everything points to an unparalleled Junior Week."

"Will Zita be here, did you say? Of course he will. What would a Hamilton Junior Prom be without Zita?"

"Jack Jessup has just returned from New York where he has been collecting all the newest and best dance music. Tangos, hesitations, one-steps, all have their place on the program. And there are to be forty-five dances, to say nothing of a few encores to each dance. Surely that should be enough to satisfy the most ardent worshiper of the terpsichorean muse. There will be feature dances, but not like those the Hill has ever seen. They are all brand new ideas and the best, of course."

"Who is going to serve the Eats? Mr. G. E. T-rich-quick-easy-to-get-a-long-with-Tunbridge. He is the best at his profession in these parts and we have to have the best. I am not prepared to say just what the eats will be because that's to be a surprise and a good one too. It's enough to say they will be better than ever. Just leave that to George."

"I can't tell you about the decorations, either, because they are to be as much of a surprise as the eats. The decoration of the Gym will be something entirely new to Hamilton."

"Most of the fellows seem to have realized that this is to be the best Junior Week ever and have spent the vacation finding the most attractive girls from all parts. They must be the best because all we can hear of them is that they are 'dreams,' 'peaches,' 'most wonderful I ever saw,' et cetera ad nauseam, as Prex would say."

"Now I hate to pat myself on the back but the Prom really is going to be wonderful. How can it be otherwise? We have the finest music, most delicious eats, novel decorations, and above all, the nicest and prettiest girls."

Incidentally, it has been ascertained that the advance cards for the dance will be out January 26. The program of the week will be as follows:

Monday—8.30, Dances at the Chapter Houses of Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi and E. L. S.

Tuesday—2.15, "The Senator Keeps House" at the Majestic Theatre, Utica, by the Charlatans.

8.30, Junior Prom of the Class of 1915 in the Soper Gymnasium.

Wednesday—2.30, Musical Clubs Concert in Comons Hall.

8.30, Dances at the Chapter Houses of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Phi and Chi Psi.

Thursday—L' Envoi.

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EDITORIAL.

Owing to reviews and examinations attendant on the close of the term, LIFE will not be issued the next two weeks.

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"Bone In!"

In less than two weeks term examinations begin. The primary activity, therefore, of every man in College for these next two weeks should be study. Many men have done but little work during the fifteen weeks of the term, have just "slid along." For them, hard application for the next two weeks is absolutely imperative. Their ability to stay in College may depend upon it. Few of us have done as much as we might have, and now wish we had done. As Dr. Stryker remarked to the Seniors in Ethics: "Real studying is hard work. It makes a man's back sweat. How many of you have done it?" It's a pertinent question. A little perspiration so wrung out now may save weeping and gnashing of teeth later.

The Freshmen especially **Life** would exhort with all possible emphasis to work now as they never have worked before to get ready for those exams. The time is short. The exams are hard; they cover a whole half year's work. Flunking an exam means flunking the course. The first exam week of Freshman year is perhaps the most dangerous of all in the entire four year course. Its importance and its difficulties are often underestimated by the Freshman until it is too late. Last year many were dropped. This year let there be none.

Altho a man's success or failure in exams as in everything else depends mainly upon himself, nevertheless the upperclassmen can have a great influence on the amount of studying that is done by the Freshmen. The complaint has been made of Freshmen being deliberately taken away from their necessary studying during exam week by upperclassmen, for the purpose of going on errands or of doing some other work in connection with arrangements for Prom Week. This is a matter for serious consideration. Upperclassmen should be the first to recognize and impress upon Sophomores and Freshmen the importance of study during exam week. A word of caution to all cannot be amiss, so

BONE IN! EVERYBODY!

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The Honor System.

The approach of final exams calls for a few words on the Honor System, or the system of Student Discipline in Examinations as it is technically known. The rules and the workings of the system hardly need any explanation to those who have seen them in operation for a year or more, and the numerous reviews during the term just ending should have thoroly acquainted the new men with them as well. Leaflets containing the rules should be in the possession of every man in College, so that if there exists any doubt about what is expected of a man under the honor system, and what he may expect therefrom, it may be quickly cleared up by reference to the rules.

The thing is summed up in the clause: **Every student shall be on his honor to abstain from fraud in examinations.**

Two amendments to the rules, made last year, will bear repetition. They are as follows: **No examination or review papers shall be taken from the appointed room during examination. Strict order and quiet shall prevail in examination rooms.** Another important provision is that **Every student of the College shall be expected to lend his aid in maintaining these rules and to report to the committee any fraud observed by him.** The observance of this rule is obviously of fundamental importance in the successful working of the system. Finally, remember the honor statement: "I have neither given nor received aid in this examination."

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Rochester's Attitude.

The facts presented by the Manager of Football in his communication in another column are such as to call for some comment. If the attitude taken by the acting manager of the Rochester football team in regard to a game with Hamilton next season is allowed to stand as the attitude of that institution in the matter, there is only one conclusion to be drawn. That is that Rochester wishes to sever relations with Hamilton in football, if not, indeed, in all branches of athletics. Unless officials at the other institution take immediate action to undo the work done by their representative, this College can hardly with dignity seek further dealings with Rochester.

This attitude of the western New York institution is not something entirely new. For some years past our various athletic departments have met with more or less difficulty in arranging contests with Rochester and carrying them to completion. Two years ago the latter college, after cancelling a meet with Hamilton on no grounds whatsoever, refused to pay the fine imposed by the N. Y. S. I. A. U. and withdrew from the League entirely. Since that time Hamilton has defeated the Yellow decisively in Track, and with the exception of this last year has ever proved a match for her in the other branches of athletics. If Rochester wishes to discontinue football relations with this College, and has seen fit as an excuse for this to take advantage of last fall's game, which was by no means a true criterion of the Hamilton team's quality thruout the season, her action is, if not cowardly, at least unsportsmanlike, as indeed the attitude of her acting manager has been thruout.

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—Easter vacation begins at the close of recitations on Thursday, April 9, and ends at 8 a. m., Tuesday, April 21.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor of Life:

I desire to set before the College some unvarnished facts regarding the unsportsmanlike attitude of the Rochester University Football Management toward this College during the last few weeks, and then to register some observations concerning that attitude.

Rochester University on account of the action of her Manager will not be on Hamilton's 1914 schedule. Details attendant upon the change follow.

Shortly after the middle of last November I wrote to the Rochester management, asking for Oct. 17, 1914, as the date for the Hamilton-Rochester game next season. I received no answer. I wrote again early in December, advising the Rochester management that it would accommodate me greatly if I might be informed whether or not that date would be satisfactory to them. I received an answer from L. D. Somers, Manager of the Rochester team for the 1913 season, saying that he was "practically sure" that that date would be satisfactory, but that he was not able to close any date finally because Rochester had not yet elected her 1914 Manager. I replied that other managers were pressing me for dates, and said that I would act on his assurance and proceed in completing my schedule. Again Rochester failed to send any reply.

A few days later the information reached me thru Manager Stedman, of Syracuse, that Rochester was considering Oct. 17 for a Syracuse game. I called Rochester on the phone, and Manager Somers said that I had been misinformed; that there were no arrangements between Rochester and Syracuse for Oct. 17, but that he was practically sure that that date would be satisfactory to him for a Hamilton game. I reminded him that Oct. 17 was the only date I then had open for the Rochester game, and asked him when I might know positively. He said "I will wire you tomorrow or Monday morning." I received no wire, but the next Wednesday a letter, saying that he was sorry but he could not advise me definitely until after the Xmas vacation, when their new manager would be elected. Last Wednesday Somers advised me that Oct. 17 would be impossible for the Hamilton game, because he had just closed that date with Syracuse.

So far for facts, and I court the inspection of these facts on the part of the Rochester management. Now for observations. Rochester, mark you, has thus far had no one, according to Somers, with whom one might do business. No 1914 manager has been elected, and he, Somers, has not been in a position to act in that capacity to the extent of closing dates. **The Rochester Manager, who was not in a position to close a date with Hamlton, was, by his own admission, able to close a date with Syracuse.**

Now suppose a case. Rochester had been told and knew that Oct. 17 was the only date I had to offer, and had practically bound herself to that date. Suppose Syracuse offered them Oct. 17 only. Rochester would then have been reduced to the extremity of dropping Syracuse or Hamilton. And perhaps, when she considered the greater expense and inconvenience of the Hamilton trip, her previous promises to this institution would seem insignificant.

I attempted to accommodate the Rochester management even after their unsportsmanlike action by changing another date in our schedule, but found it impossible.

K. R. McNair, Mgr.

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To the Editor of Life:

The following is a copy of a letter which I have sent Mr. Stowell relative to the annual banquet of the New York alumni.

With many other alumni, I shall be glad to respond affirmatively to calls to annual reunions of the college alumni when the cost of the dinner is cut about in two.

The present cost of four dollars is a silent, but nevertheless potent, bid, not for the attendance of all the members of the Alumni Association, but of the segment of that membership who can afford to pay four dollars for a single dinner or who, knowing that they cannot afford to pay that much, are, nevertheless, reckless enough to do so, altho they are keenly and uncomfortably conscious of the fact that

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Spice of Life.

Super to Chubby Ristine: "Don't you wish sometimes that God had made you a woman?"

Chubby: "Yes, I do."

Super: "Maybe he has and you haven't found her yet."

When we saw Queenie Patton going home for his Xmas vacation, with his cane and other accessories, we were affected like the old farmer that saw a giraffe at a circus and after rubbing his chin and scratching his head, exclaimed, "Hell, there aint no such animal."

"Orville Wright rides with his hands off his aeroplane," says a dispatch.

That's the way we ride too.

"Instead of abolishing free lunch," says Jane Addams, "saloons should be **required** to furnish food." That's right, Jane, have 'em furnish food instead of free lunch.

(This is a funny one. Get ready to fabricate a wheeze.)

The wages of gin is breath.

Cal Lewis says this is the season when infant mortality is high.

"No sir," sez Sammy, "That aint no earthquake. That's only Super running with his cut-out open."

Hud Covert and G. V. Pope were eating peas in the Hotel Utica last week. They both started in with their knives, when they noticed the other people eating them with forks. They looked at each other and then Van said, "Say, Hud, that's a good stunt. Let's introduce it in Chicago."

At the New York dinner they might have sung:

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During the Vacation

She (calling up fond reminiscences): Do you remember how we used to drive away the pain of burnt hands and pricked fingers by kissing them?

Ab: Uh-huh. Gee I've got an awful toothache.

Our fast friend, W. Johnson, says he is trying to raise a moustache. He asked Gee Tunbridge what color it would be when it came out. George said, "Gray, I guess, at the rate it is coming now."

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suspicion of war, nor because of ambition for promotion, as is often charged against us military men, but for the reason that our experience, our study of history, and our knowledge of present conditions show us the naked truth of the nation's danger." He declared that the crisis had come in the question of the militia.

Speaking of the difficulties in meeting the demands that such centralization would create, the General said that the War Department would favor a just compensation to the militia from the National treasury provided the government could command its use at all times. Under the provisions of the law of 1903, the War Department is permitted to assist the States in organizing, training, and equipping militia, so that the militia can pass without reorganization into Federal service.

Today every able-bodied citizen of a state, or a foreigner who has declared his intention of becoming a citizen, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, is liable to militia service. Legally he is a member of the reserve force by the Federal militia law of 1903 whether he actually belongs to an organized militia or not. The General estimated the enlisted militia as over 100,000, and the potential reserve force as 18,000,000.

This lecture was the second of the series provided for by the John Ripley Myers Fund. The next will be given February 28 by Brigadier-General Erasmus N. Weaver, on "The Coast Artillery Corps of Our Army." The lecture Saturday was followed by a reception in Commons Hall at which many of the undergraduates had the opportunity of meeting General Mills. Refreshments were served, thru the kindness of Mr. Bristol, '82, one of the committee in charge.

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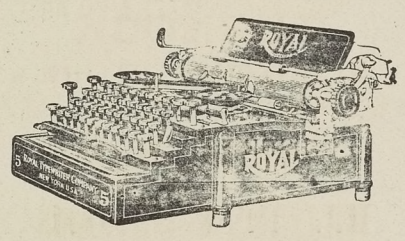

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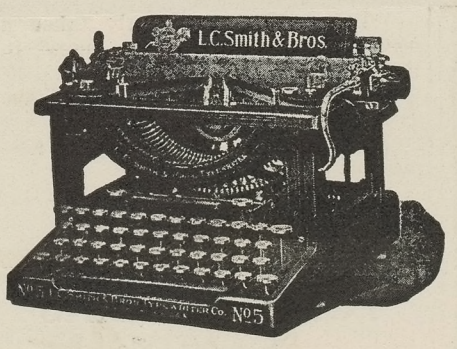

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The annual interclass debate between Seniors and Juniors that was to have been held next week has been postponed until the week of Feb. 9. The men will debate the question: Resolved, That there should be established a federal commission for the regulation of trusts. It is assumed that some regulation is necessary. The Juniors will uphold the affirmative. The teams will be made up of the following men. Seniors, Cole, Pohl, Walker, and Regin, alternate. Juniors, Keddy, LaForce, and McNair, with three alternates, Kimball, Woodcock and Lee. The faculty will act as judges. The advance speeches will be of eight minutes with a six-minute rebuttal.

The triangular debate with Wesleyan and Bowdoin will be held on the evening of March 24. Bowdoin comes here and our affirmative team will journey to Wesleyan. The same subject will be used and try-outs for the teams will be held shortly after the interclass debate for those in addition to the interclass debaters who wish to try for positions.

E. L. S. BANQUET.

The Emerson Literary Society held a banquet at Hotel St. Denis, New York City, on the evening of January 2. The alumni present were: Love, '76, Willard, '80, Williams, '81, Chester, Tracy, '88, Mead, '90, Feltus, Kelly, '91, Marvin, '92, Goulding, Vincent, Sherman, '94, Eells, '96, Courtney, '03, Dowling, Tibbits, '04, Thompson, Weber, '05, Thompson, Bate, '06, Doherty, Griffis, Krumbholz, Eggleston, Love, '09, Martin, '11, Hallock, '12, Shaul, Stratton, R. C. Thompson, C. Thompson, '13, Clapp, Insley, '14, Kimball, '15, Insley, '16, and Tallmadge, '17, were the undergraduates present.

—Professors Brandt, C. Chase, and Shepard attended the meetings of the American Philological and Modern Language Association at Cambridge, Mass., during the vacation.

—Clinton Scollard, '81, has a poem called "An Exile" in the Outlook for January 10th.

—Baumer, Hulbert, McLean, and Woolnough remained on the Hill during vacation.

—The Political Science Seminar met last Wednesday night and listened to a very interesting talk on Governor Glynn's Message, by Prof. Davenport. Dr. Davenport had just returned from a trip to Albany, and told some interesting facts in regard to recent political events there.

—The radiators have arrived for the heating of North.

—The next meeting of the Latin Club will be held January 19th at the home of Prof. Chase.

—True, '13, has recently taken a position with a publishing house in Baltimore.

—Porter, '13, has gone into the grain industry, at Oakfield, N. Y.

—Kultchar, '13, is in a private hospital at Clinton, Iowa.

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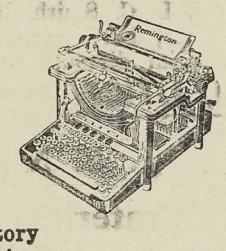

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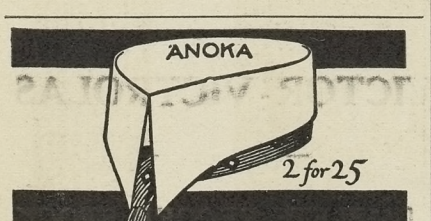

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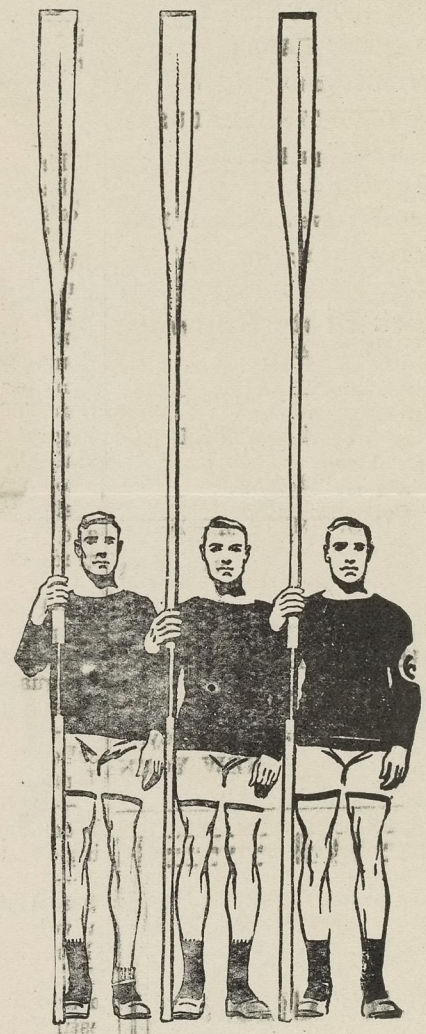

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On Sunday, four courses will be commenced. The Seniors under Rev. Henry White, '91, will study a new book, "Educational Missions," by James L. Barton, D. D. Dr. Wood will lead the Juniors with Samuel M. Swemer's "Study of Unoccupied Fields" for their text. Barnes will study "South American Problems" with the Sophomores, and Booth is to be leader of the Freshman class reading "The Chinese Revolution" by Arthur J. Brown.

ALUMNI AT SYRACUSE

The Hamilton alumni who are members of the Associated Academic Principals of New York gathered for their annual dinner at the Woolcott, Syracuse, Dec. 30th. Harry E. Dounce, '10, secretary of the organization, arranged the meeting and managed the affair very successfully.

Frank S. Tisdale, of Watertown, acted as toastmaster, and the speakers were Dr. Stryker, Charles L. Mosher, '99, E. R. Whitney, '89, E. C. Morris, '89, E. J. Bonner, '99, and Prof. Lewis. For the coming year, E. C. Morris, '89, Professor of English at Syracuse University, was elected President, and Harry E. Dounce, '10, was re-elected Secretary. There were about forty present, including Dr. Stryker, Prof. Lewis, Prof. Carruth and Dr. Fitch.

Communication.

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it is an unwarranted extravagance on their part.

Until more emphasis is placed on the reunion and less on the dinner, and the price of the dinner is, in consequence, lowered, many alumni, especially the younger graduates whose incomes are small, will be automatically deprived of a real pleasure in annually meeting fellow alumni, and the college will suffer from the lack of alumni interest and solidarity which the annual reunion of a larger body of men would foster and cement.

J. J. Weber, '05.

—No Musical is to be given this month. Prof. Saunders is planning to give a recital February 15th; the details have not been announced.

—Director Chase has had a platform built in order that he may better direct the work of the gym classes on the floor.

—The official picture of the Musical Clubs was taken at Frey's Studio, in Utica, Saturday afternoon.

—Beginning with the second term, the Senior class in Debate under Prof. Lewis, will be divided into two sections.

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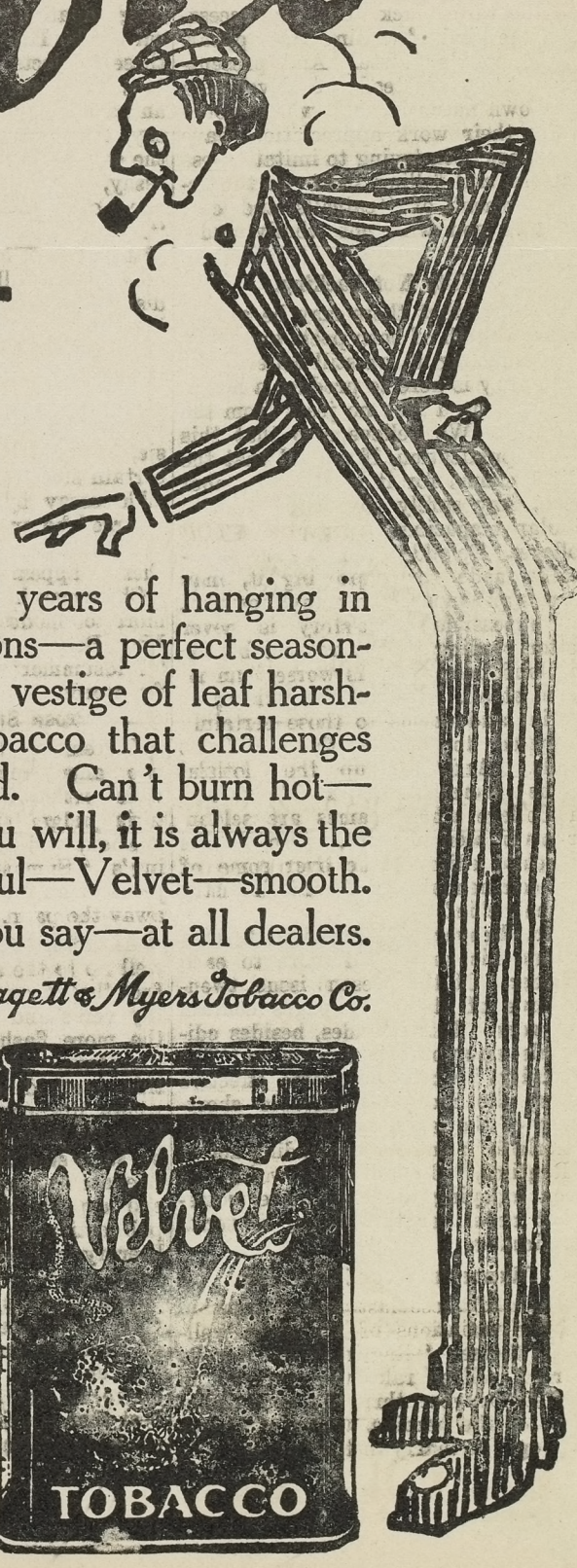

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REVIEWER THINKS LIT. WORTHY PUBLICATION

Makes Suggestions for Magazine Based on December Issue. Thinks Material Used Should be Purely Literary, Not So-called Popular.

(By Prof. Frank H. Ristine.)

In the recent discussion over the question of dropping Lit., no one has suggested that the magazine ought to shut up shop for literary incompetence, tho many have drawn pointed comparisons between its status past and present. In former days, it seems, Lit. was the training school for writers since famous whose contributions were hailed with acclaim by an enthusiastic student body; whereas in these fallen times, we are told by the editor, the fondest offerings of equally ambitious authors are greeted with "jeers and imprecations" by the same class of readers.

Even allowing for pardonable exaggeration in the last assertion, we doubt if the contrast between conditions past and present, so far as the magazine is concerned, is so glaring, either in ability shown or in appreciation extended. Doubtless there were giants in those days; there always have been. Perhaps there was a more intelligent and appreciative student body. More probably, a few years ago there were more students in College than there are now who had the rare knack of doing successfully the kind of writing that appeals to the popular taste. And present-day editors, instead of developing their own natural bents, which would insure their work appreciation, have ever since been trying to imitate these masters, and falling short—to the accompaniment of "catcalls and curses," if you will, not wholly undeserved.

Ability Not Lacking.

Granting that there may be a temporary dearth of born poets and story writers among us, we still believe that the ability is here to produce a magazine that need fear no jeers from the scornful. We believe also that this year's publication, if not all that the editor claims for it in the November issue, may safely take chances with similar magazines from other small colleges. To add to the suggestions already made for improving it, may seem superfluous. To many, however, an impossible short-story is never better reading than a respectable essay, and poor verse is worse than no verse at all. Restrict the writing of stories and poems to those certainly equipped to handle these difficult kinds. And stir up the slothful scribe; there are respectable writers in College whose names are seldom or never seen in print. Also, let the associate editors take over some of the commendable zeal and industry of their chief.

Mr. Weaver, now, manages to contribute his share and more to each number. Of the present issue, twenty-three of the forty pages contain his work. This includes, besides editorials, an appropriate poem on "The Nativity," which has some effective lines; the most considerable short-story of the issue, called "A Tearful Interlude"; and the concluding act of "Ragtime," the "drama" which has been enjoying the experience, somewhat novel for that form, of serial publication.

Weaver's Work Promising.

Both of these last named treat in a way variations of the same well-worn theme. "Ragtime" has for its hero a college rake who reforms in his senior year thru the good influence of the heroine, whom of course he ought to marry in the last act. To the reader's welcome surprise he does no such thing, but goes his own way as contentedly as she has already gone hers. This denouement is skillfully handled and contributes the most effective touch to the three acts. In "A Tearful Interlude," a story in obvious imitation of the O. Henry method, the situation is somewhat reversed. Here we meet the poor shop girl and villainous floor-walker of modern newspaper notoriety. But the expected conclusion of this none-too-delicate theme is nipped in the bud by the appearance of a good genius, this time in male attire, who speedily sets all to rights and goes on his way rejoicing. These two articles both show good promise, as does all of Mr. Weaver's work. Their most obvious defects are the author's fondness for cheap slang and equally cheap story materials. "A Tearful Interlude," however, is easily the best thing in the issue, and no doubt could secure publication outside of the Hamilton Literary Magazine.

Other major contributors are Mr. F. P. Lee and Mr. Carmer. The former has written an excellent character sketch, which he has marred by some far-fetched introductory business and a meaningless title. (For some reason it is called "A Viking.") The same writer furnishes two verse renderings of prose translations from the Hindu poet Tagore. The themes, which have to do with the "Great Beyond" and love for a shadowy female form, are probably more representative of undergraduate literary likings than typical of the Hindu attitude of mind on these subjects. Mr. Carmer contributes "Christmas Visions," in verse, and a prose sketch entitled "DeQuincey, Prose-Musician." Of this last the subject is out of proportion to the essay, which really exists only for one excellent paragraph on the "Dream Fugue." This passage is just the sort of thing its writer can do exceptionally well, for he often displays a real gift of prose style in handling a subject that requires no long sustained effort.

There are three other prose sketches, all worthy. Mr. Goodenough writes "Of the Appreciation of Music," which, barring one or two uncertain statements, is an earnest, sensible essay by a writer who knows whereof he speaks. A simple, dignified narrative on the birth of Christ theme appears under the heading "Christmas in 4 B. C.", by a Sophomore too modest to sign his real name. Mr. Beer's descriptive sketch of "Midsummer" shows a nice feeling for words.

Prose Surpasses Poetry.

It remains to say that there are two anonymous attempts at verse which reflect little credit on the editorial judgment that allowed them admission, and to mention Mr. Browning's "Summer Passes," the best poem of an issue in which prose bears away the palm.

All told, the Christmas number is well up to the average, in spite of the fact that it contains too much unworthy verse and too much imitation of the more flashy fashions in current literature. If the editor has chosen this method of attracting readers whose literary tastes do not rise above the joke column of **Life**, it might be suggested that such methods may alienate as many as they attract. No one expects an exclusively literary publication to appeal to any but the literary minded. If the literary magazine is to live on—and College and alumni have semed to say with one voice that it shall—let it be worthy of its name and of its past, let publication in it mean real distinction, above all, let it represent only "the best that is said and thought" by the students of Hamilton College.

NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI HOLD THEIR FORTY-SIXTH

Annual Reunion at Metropolis Brings Many Together. Expenses of Students Discussed.

The Forty-Sixth Annual Reunion and Banquet of the Hamilton College Alumni Association of the City of New York was held at the Hotel Savoy, Friday evening, January 9. Samuel F. Engs, '83, acted as toastmaster. The committee on arrangements was Judge Norman J. Marsh, '85, Warren I. Lee, '99, and Edward E. Stowell, '01. There were one hundred present, the guests and speakers being Dr. Fitch, Dr. A. P. Saunders, Pres. Stryker, Senator Root, and Dr. Bartlett, '52. F. A. Spencer, '82, who was to represent the Chicago alumni, was unable to be present.

Dr. Fitch delivered an earnest speech on the influence of the Faculty and their desire to inspire the boys with a love for learning. Dr. A. P. Saunders spent most of his time discussing the college student's expenses and the necessity of eradicating the "Utica habit" on the Hill. President Stryker, after some words in eulogy of Senator Root, extended himself so far as to say that any sum above $700 spent by the college student was profuse and that the fathers of students far exceeding this amount should promptly take steps to remove their sons from these College walls.

Senator Root discussed education, saying that the education of this age must build upon all that was best in the past and that Hamilton College stands for the fully rounded man who is "heir to all the ages." The Senator was greeted with great enthusiasm. Dr. Bartlett made one of the best speeches of the evening, referring to the work done by the late Dr. Peters in the Litchfield Observatory.

The singing at the dinner, led by MacGregor, '97, was one of the notable features of the affair.

A. D. (Scoop) Scovel exhorted the alumni to turn out en masse for the Musical Clubs concert at the Waldorf in New York which will be held on April 17 or 18.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dwight Holbrook, '75; Vice-president, Warren I. Lee, '99; Treasurer, R. A. Pattison, '87; and Corresponding Secretary, E. E. Stowell, '01.

HAS POISON SCARE.

McGibeny Accidentally Takes Mercury but Not Bichloride.

Last Wednesday evening McGibeny, '14, procured what he supposed to be some very harmless medicine from the suply of a fellow student. Thursday night the one topic of conversation on the Hill was the plight of the aforesaid McGibeny. Rumor had it that he had swallowed bichloride of mercury and was at the Faxton Hospital; that he had one foot—in fact, a whole leg—in the grave; that physicians had given him two hours more to live, and fixed his chance of recovery at one in a thousand. Those who knew about bichloride of mercury doubted for the patient and the gloom on the Hill was almost solid.

Now that Max is back on the Hill again, as chipper as ever, some of the facts in the case have come to light. Max did, it seems, take a pill which was—tho he did not know it—one of the salts of mercury, supposedly bichloride. When his mistake was discovered, he was rushed to the hospital and grave fears were entertained for him, but it later developed that, thru a happy blunder on the part of a drug clerk, he had swallowed an iodide of mercury pill, which is merely a mild disinfectant.

GYM FLOOR SCENE OF MANY FAST CONTESTS

Delta U. Team Shows Form Again. Schedule to be Completed Before Close of Term.

With Jack Erhardt back in the game, and playing right up to form, the Delta U basketball team ran away from the Chi Psis in a game played Thursday night, incidentally making the record score of 44 to 10. The line-up is given below:

Delta U—Keddy, Groves, l. g.; Griffith, r. g.; Leavenworth, c.; Behan, l. f.; Erhardt, r. f.

Chi Psi—Miller, l. g.; L. Whitcombe, r. g.; Roenke, c.; J. Whitcombe, l. f.; Hersey, r. f.

The Psi Us defeated the Theta Delts Friday night, after a game that was closely played thruout, by the score of 10 to 9. The Theta Delt team was playing at its best, and put up a hard fight, being beaten by the margin of one foul. The teams lined up as follows:

Psi U—Eddy, r. g.; Shields, Carmer, l. g.; Blood, c.; Flagg, r. f.; Weed, l. f.

Theta Delt—Paige, r. g.; Lewis, l. g.; W. Gow, c.; Lee, r. f.; Getman, l. f.

The Sig-E. L. S. game followed, the former team winning 21 to 11. Pope and Fulton did most of the work for their respective sides. The line-up:

Sig—Bristol, r. g.; Ogden, l. g.; Abernathy, c.; T. Jessup, r. f.; Pope, l. f.

E. L. S.—Clapp, r. g.; Miller, l. g.; Woolnough, c.; Fulton, r. f.; Daniels, l. f.

The schedule for the remaining games is as follows:

Jan. 13, Alpha Delt vs. Delta U.

Jan. 14, Theta Delt vs. E. L. S.

Jan. 15, Sigma Phi vs. Psi U, Alpha Delt vs. Dekes.

Jan. 16, E. L. S. vs. Delta U, Chi Psi vs. Theta Delt.

Jan. 19, Dekes vs. Delta U, Alpha Delt vs. Chi Psi.

Jan. 22, Psi U vs. Delta U, Dekes vs. E. L. S.

CHESS MATCH.

A chess match between faculty and student teams will take place on Friday evening at 7.30 at the home of Professor Brown. The faculty team will be composed of Brown, Ristine, and Chase, and possibly Dr. Stryker. Dayton, Clapp, Walker, and J. A. Jones will oppose them.

There are prospects of a match with Syracuse during the month of February, but nothing definite has yet been arranged.

—A meeting of the Executive Council will be held Wednesday evening, at which the managers' estimates will be submitted, and the matter of coaches for the various teams taken up.

—On the Hill recently were Judson, '10, Riley, '12, Cookinham, '96, S. W. Jones, '11.

—In the Chess tournament at the Utica Y. M. C. A. Friday night between Utica and Clinton, Prof. Ristine won his game by default and Prof. Daniel Chase made a draw. The final score was Clinton 4, Utica 1.

—Announcement is made of a special gift of $200 by an alumnus of the College for the use of the Latin department. This sum will be spent for lantern slides, photographs and other much needed equipment. For the present, the donor has asked to have his name withheld.

—As we go to press the report comes that the uncompleted roof of the new library is threatened with demolishment by the worst storm the Hill has seen this winter.